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Torpedoed Japanese Liner Did Not Try to Escape.

American Consul Bristow Cables Version of Disaster.

## EXCITEMENT IN WASHINGTON

Diplomatic Circles Stirred Over Yasaka Maru Incident.

All on Board Saved—One American Among the Rescued.

Washington, Dec. 27.—American Consul Bristow at Port Said cabled today that no warning was given the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru before she was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean last Tuesday by a submarine of unestablished nationality. The liner, he added, made no attempt to escape.

The consul's dispatch which came in response to Secretary Lansing's call for reports on the disaster, was the first official information on the incident which probably will be the subject of further diplomatic correspondence with the Teutonic powers. Today's report said the submarine was not seen until after the liner had been torpedoed and that then, only her periscope was visible. The ship sank in forty-nine minutes and the survivors—120 passengers including an American, W. J. Litch, and the 162 men of the crew—were picked up by the British ship HMS. (Continued on Page Eight.)

## POSTSCRIPT LAST MINUTE NEWS.

Sheriff to Stop Gary Fight.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Word was received here today from Gary, Ind., that the governor of Indiana had directed the sheriff of Lake county to prevent the fight scheduled for Wednesday night at Gary between Jack Johnson and Ever Hammer, light-heavy pugilists.

James Wants Fulton Match First.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—According to Tom Jones, manager of Jess Willard, the champion is willing to meet Frank Moran a few days after his bout with Fred Fulton, but Jones reiterated today his determination to carry out his agreement to have the Fulton match first.

Chevrolet Company Increases.

Detroit, Dec. 27.—The Chevrolet Motor company, a Delaware corporation, today filed at the state department a certificate increasing the capital from \$20,000,000 to \$28,000,000.

Anglo-French Bonds Down.

New York, Dec. 27.—A new low record for Anglo-French five per cent bonds was made today when a \$10,000 lot of the issue sold at 94 on the New York exchange.

To Dismiss Receivers.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—Circuit Judge Third held a request today that he dismiss the receivers he appointed July 12 to take over the Kansas City, Mo., and St. Joseph, Mo., railway company. This was after the Interstate Railway company had obtained a \$1,000,000 judgment in Judge Porterfield's court.

Ford Cables He's "O. K."

Detroit, Dec. 27.—A variety of the family and business friends concerning the health of Henry Ford, who is returning from his European peace journey, was relieved today by the announcement of a cablegram from Stockholm. The message, addressed to Mrs. Ford, stated that Mr. Ford was in the hospital and that he would come to Detroit immediately after arriving in New York. Officials of the Ford Automobile company denied today that they were worrying over Mr. Ford's safety. "We expect to hear from Mr. Ford in two or three days when his ship gets within our wireless zone," said C. A. Brownell, director of publicity.

Edwards Denies "Woman" Story.

El Paso, Dec. 27.—Thomas D. Edwards, United States consul at Juarez, Mexico, on arriving today from Little Rock, Ark., denied that a child given him by a newspaper man at Fort Worth, Tex., where in dispatches Saturday he was quoted as declaring that a Mexican government had used women to corrupt U.S. officers.

Visitors Lose U. S. Citizenship Papers.

Washington, Dec. 27.—State department officials indicated today that no action would be taken on demands for the internment of Elliott Cowdin, Norman Prince and William Thaw, three Americans now home on furlough from the French army, where they are serving as aviators. The department probably will take the position that when the three men joined the army forces of a foreign power they renounced their American citizenship and entered this country as soldiers unarmored.

Solveig Is Condemned.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The steamer Solveig, owned by the American Transatlantic company, has been condemned by the French prize court. The owners will appeal. Flying a white flag, the Solveig was seized by a French patrol boat. The American papers reached her commander a few days later. Suspected German ownership was given as the cause for detaining the vessel.

## OLD KING PETER FLEES IN EXILE; SERBIA TO SON

Nation's Fate Must Be Met by the New Blood.

Taken to Avlona Incognito Aboard Italian Cruiser.

## SOLDIERS DYING FROM HUNGER

"We Must Feed Them," He Tells His New Friends.

Tragic Spectacle Before Rush of Teutons and Bulgars.

Paris, Dec. 27.—"King Peter of Serbia was brought from Durazzo to Avlona on an Italian cruiser," says the Journal's Avlona correspondent. "The voyage was rough and the king had to be carried ashore in an arm chair. It was a tragic spectacle."



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Leaving Paris for his son, Crown Prince Alexander.

"An automobile carried the monarch to a secluded inn opposite Italian headquarters, where I called upon him and was shown into the poorly furnished room he occupied. His clear eyes, what depth of bitterness did they contain? His features, hollowed by suffering, what immense weariness did they betray? That sorrowful countenance was the epitome of the whole tragic epoch."

"The physician who interpreted for me told me that upon his arrival the king asked the price of the room and added that he had no gold to pay for it. 'I am no longer a king,' he said. 'I am General Tootant only (this name which will shelter the king's incognito during his exile is that of a powerful family of the town to which Essad Pasha belongs). I give no orders. It is the crown prince who commands. For the future I am nothing in the government. A soldier, I have only to obey.'"



Prevailed Upon by his Son to Abdicate, King Peter of Serbia is Succeded in Power by the Crown Prince, Alexander.

"And the army, your majesty?" I asked.

"My soldiers are dropping from hunger and weariness. We must feed them and then after a few weeks rest we shall see."

"I want to go to Saloniki to see my minister of war. If this is possible I shall arrange something. I have got to live to see victory for my people and the triumph of our just cause."

Refused to Leave Army.

Brisbane, Italy, Dec. 25.—Via Paris, Dec. 27.—King Peter of Serbia has arrived here on board an Italian cruiser. The sovereign had refused resolutely until now to leave his army and it was only at the urgent entreaty of his son, the prince regent, that he agreed to go into exile.

The prince pointed out to his father it would be better for him to preserve his strength so that he could be able, after his health had been restored to return to his country at the head of a reorganized army.

## SUSPENSION THREAT FOR H. S. GIRLS?

Sorority Case Brings Out Charges Against Wilson.

Attorney Says Superintendent Attempted to Dictate All.

## HOODWINK SCHOOL BOARD

Alleged That "Mothers' Party" Was Only an Excuse.

Jessie Burnett Made a Strong Witness on Stand.

Explosive eruptions of attorneys and allegations of vital interest to the high school board and officials, students of the school and others who crowded the court room, kept the first division of the Shawnee district court, figuratively speaking, on its toes today when hearing the high school "sorority" case for temporary injunction restraining school officials from continuing the suspension of the fourteen alleged "sorority" girls, began before District Judges Dana and Whitcomb.

Sensations in the case began when E. D. McKeever, attorney for the girls, began stating the case for the plaintiffs and alleged that the school officials and board had promulgated an order whereby they undertook to dictate to students just what kind of private socials and parties they were to attend under threat of suspension. McKeever stated that he would put witnesses on the stand to testify that the alleged "sorority" affair which caused the suspension of the girls was in reality a dance at Kellam hall. The girls, he said, consulted Superintendent Wilson as to the affair, and held it as he directed "under the supervision of the mothers of the girls."

For Several Days.

Testimony for the girls in the case continued this afternoon. The case will probably last for two or three days.

Only two witnesses were examined until this afternoon and several have been summoned.

A. N. Rosser, Mrs. Paxton and Mrs. J. A. Burnett were put on the stand this afternoon to give additional testimony to bolster up the case of the sorority girls.

Deception Claimed.

Judge Dana, one of the attorneys for the board, opened his statement to the court with the allegation that the school board would prove that the girls had practiced deception toward the board. He also claimed that the defense would show that the girls met in a room of their own, and that the alleged sorority, the Lambda Alpha Lambda, several months before the dance and that the dance was held on the same night that it is customary for chapters of the sorority, the nation over, to hold such an affair. In answering this allegation, the defense will claim that the girls had no deception.

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## WILL NOT JOIN FORD

Homebound Trip by Peace Promoter Postpones Bryan's Trip.

New York, Dec. 27.—Reports that William Jennings Bryan had contemplated joining Henry Ford in Europe were confirmed today, but because Mr. Ford himself is returning to his country, Mr. Bryan will not go to Europe.

It was learned here that he had booked passage for himself and Mrs. Bryan on the steamer Rotterdam, sailing tomorrow, but today he telegraphed that because of Mr. Ford's returning he (Bryan) had indefinitely postponed his trip.

Governor Hanna Is Ill.

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—(Via London.)—Governor L. B. Hanna of North Dakota, a member Ford peace party, arrived here today suffering from influenza. He has a high fever. The governor was admitted to St. Joseph's hospital, Copenhagen. The American legation is caring for him. The American minister, Dr. Maurice Egan, Mrs. Egan and many others have visited the governor or sent flowers.

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